Homegoing Celebration
for

Johnnie Mae Turner

Saturday, June 21, 1997
11:00 am

November 23, 1943 - June 14, 1997

Mt. Olive COGIC
1385 East 21st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90011

Superintendent J. C. Brewster, Pastor
Rev. Willie J. Radcliff, Officiant

OBITUARY

Johnnie Mae Turner was born on November 23, 1943 in Los Angeles, CA, to the union of Johnny and Mable Bates. She was the fourth of six children.

She attended Utah Elementary School, John Muir Junior High School , and Fremont High School.

Shortly after graduating from high school, Johnnie went to work at U.S.C. Medical Center where she worked deligently for thirty-two years and remained until her health began to fail her in 1994. In 1963, she married the late James Turner.

Johnnie was reared up at the Mt Olive COGIC, under the leadership of the late Bishop E. B. Stewart and Superintendent J. C. Brewster, where she accepted Christ at an early age and attended Sunday School, YPWW, Vacation Bible School and sung in the Youth Choir. She later joined the True Worshippers of God Missionary Baptist Church under the pastorage of Eld. Willie L. Radcliff where she remained as a faithful member, until her health began to fail her, and she could no longer attend service.
Her last time in service was Sunday morning, May 18, 1997.

Johnnie will always be remembered for her beautiful smile and personality and her ability to make others laugh and be happy.

On Saturday, June 14, 1997, God picked another beautiful flower from his garden.

Johnnie was preceded in death by her father, Mr. Johnny Bates. She leaves to cherish her precious memories, her mother, Mrs. Mable Bates; a devoted son, Eric Lamarr Gibbs; four loving sisters and a loving brother, all of Los Angeles, CA Betty, Viola, Iva, Barbara and Troid; a brother-in-law Edward; two nieces, Cynthia and Kendra; five nephews, Kevin, Anthony Troid, Jr, Marvin all of Los Angeles, CA and Jerry of Alexandria, LA; five aunts Phoebe of St Louis, MO, Matry of Los Angeles, CA, Vera, Eurie and Bobbie all of Shreveport, LA; a devoted uncle and aunt, Bobby and Roberta Bates; two goddaughters, Crystal and Cristina Tate; four devoted and loving friends, Mary Romero, Dorothy Rothchild, Chester and Fee-Fee Tate; and a host of relatives and friends.

We loved you but God loved you best.

Order of Service

Minister in charge of pulpit ..... Eld. Raymond Pillars

Processional .....
Beautiful Garden of Prayer

Prayer ..... Eld. Lazell Rodgers

Old Testament ..... Rev. Stephen Robertson
New Testament ..... Rev. Alton Brewster

Choir ..... Combined Choirs
Your Grace and Mercy

Words of Exhortation ..... Superintendent Brewster

Solo ..... Bro. Irving Gilbert
The Last Mile of the Way

Remarks - 2 Minutes Please
Sis. Zenora Steele Dr. Donald Cook
Sis. Michelle Thompson Sis . Vernelle Ballard

Selection ..... Combined Choirs
I'll Say Yes

Remarks - 2 Minutes Please
Eld. Lazell Rodgers Eld. Roy Amie
Eld. Robert Collier

Solo ..... Sis. Marietta Davis
I Can Not Fail the Lord

Family Tribute ..... Sis. Cynthia Mizell

Selection ..... Combined Choirs
Everyday Is The Day of Thanksgiving

Acknowledgements
Resolutions
Reading of Obituary ..... Sis. Nancy Wright

Solo ..... Sis. Lois Bell
What A Friend

Eulogy ..... Rev. Willie L. Radcliff

Recessional

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

JAMES WILLIAMS
WILLIE McMILLAN
WILLIE COOPER

Clyde Jordan
ROBERT HOUSTON
SAMUEL AMIE

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

BRIAN NEAL
JOHN DeROUEN
IRVING GILBERT

KEVIN PRICE
CHESTER TATE
CLARENCE WORTHEN

"Johnnie says"

--I'm Free-

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full. I savored much,
Good friends,good times, a loved one's touch

Perhaps my time seemed all to brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me
God wanted me now, He set me free.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Johnnie Mae Turner wisher to express their thanks for your prayers, your thoughtfulness, your kindness and love shown to us during this hour of great loss.
Thank you and may God bless each of you.